

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/801,805

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE and amendment filed on 3.24.2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13 (now renumbered as 1-3, 8-10, 4-7, and 11-13).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

WENPENG CHEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

 5/26/06

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 3/24/06 has been entered.

Examiner's Amendment/Statement

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed IS PROVIDED BY THE Examiner below.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

For Title

-- Change the title to - ADAPTIVE PROCESSING FOR IMAGES OF PAGES OF A DOCUMENT -.

Election/Restrictions

4. Claim 1 is generic and allowable. Accordingly, the restriction requirement as to the encompassed species is hereby withdrawn and claims 8-10, directed to the species of 2 no longer withdrawn from consideration since all of the claims to this species depend from or otherwise include each of the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

5. Claims 1-13 (now renumbered as 1-3, 8-10, 4-7, and 11-13) are allowed.

The examiner's statement of reasons for allowance for Claims 4-6 has already been given in Office Action paper #20051125 mailed on 11/29/2005.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter. The prior art fails to teach the apparatus of Claim 1, which specifically comprises the following feature in combination with other recited limitations:

- a compressor for compressing the image data as recited;
- a storage medium for storing the image data compressed by the compressor;
- a controller for controlling the image data processor, the storage medium and the compressor so that after compressed image data corresponding to a page of the document is stored as recited, *the processing applied by the image data processor and a compression rate applied by the compressor to the processed image data are changed based on the number of the pages of the document so that image data corresponding to all pages of the document can be*

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stored in the storage medium when it is determined that the storage medium cannot store further image data corresponding to a given page of the document.

The prior art fails to teach the method of Claim 11, which specifically comprises the following feature in combination with other recited limitations:

- compressing the image data as recited;
- storing the compressed image data as recited;
- *changing a process parameter of the data processing and a compression rate of the compressing based on the number of the pages of the document so that image data corresponding to all pages of the document can be stored in the storage medium when it is determined that the storage medium cannot store further image data corresponding to a given page of the document.*

None of prior art references including those listed in attached PTO-892 teaches any of the independent claims.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wenpeng Chen whose telephone number is 571-272-7431. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on 571-272-7778. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 571-273-8300 for regular communications and 571-273-8300 for After Final communications. TC 2600's customer service number is 571-272-2600.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2600.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wenpeng Chen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.